

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in the application. Claims 1-6 stand rejected.

Claims 4 and 5 have been amended herein to clarify applicant's claimed invention.

Claims 1 and 2 are objected to for minor spelling informalities. Spelling errors were also found in other claims. These spelling errors have been corrected herein.

Applicant's claimed invention is related to problems caused by differences of implemented protocol versions applied between communication equipment in an ATM switch (for example see page 7, lines 21-27 of the specification).

In an example embodiment applicant's claimed invention is directed to a quality of service (QoS) correction principle being determined in the ATM switch, so that the differences between subscriber signaling protocols supporting an original subscriber and a terminating subscriber, respectively are corrected.

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Feuerstraeter et al. (US 6,285,659) (hereinafter Feuerstraeter) in view of Kim (US 5519689).

Claim 1

Feuerstraeter disclose a network device which detects the best protocol to be supported by a network, where a repeater hub 40 is connected to network computers including 10Base and 100Base protocols. As pointed out by the Examiner Feuerstraeter is "selecting/negotiating an appropriate protocol."

Selecting or negotiating an end-to-end protocol is different from determining, in an ATM switching system, quality of service (QoS) correction principle for correcting the difference between a subscriber signaling protocol supporting said originating subscriber and a subscriber signaling protocol supporting said terminating subscriber."

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